

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Edna Browning Duren of Columbia, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her One Hundred First Birthday on May 12, 2005; and

Whereas, on May 12, 1904, in Boone County, God brought a special gift to this great state with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Helen, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Edna Duren had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as growing up in the company of one sister and one brother, attending Barnett School, marrying William Myers Duren (deceased), and giving birth to their offspring; and

Whereas, Edna Duren has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children, six grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Edna Duren further distinguished herself as an employee of Hartzfelds, the Parks Department, and a store; and

Whereas, Edna Duren has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past century, a few of which include sewing, crocheting, attending church, and supporting the Older American Club and the Missouri Century Club; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 101, Edna Duren is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Edna Duren at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Edna Browning Duren, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Ed Robb
District No. 24

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3489, adopted May 20, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker